New Sugar Factories

2559. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals received from different States upto 31st January, 1992 during the current year for setting up of new sugar factories;

(b) the number of proposals received from Orissa; and

(c) the action taken by Government on such proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) During the current sugar year (from 1st October, 1991 to 31-1-1992) 49 proposals for grant of letters of intent/industrial licences have been received for setting up of new sugar factories from different States.

(b) During the aforesaid period, no proposal has been received from Orissa.

(c) Licensing Policy Gudielines for new and expansion of existing sugar factories for the sugar year 1991-92 and the VIII Five Year Plan (1992-93 —1996-97) have been announced vide Press Note dated 8-11-1991. However, in view of large pendency of unimplemented letters of intent/licences, new proposals have not yet been taken up for consideration.

Sugar Factories in U.P.

2560. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what is the estimated target of production of sugarcane in the last year of Eighth Five Year Plan in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) how many new Sugar mills are likely to be established in Uttar Pradesh during the Eighth Five Year Plan period keeping in view the estimated production of sugar cane in the State in the Eighth Five Year Plan period and the need to increase drawal of sugar cane in the State to the national level:

(c) the number of applications that have bene received for establishing new sugar mills in Uttar Pradesh; and

(d) by when these applications are likely to be cleared by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a). No State-wise targets of sugarcane production have been fixed. However, the Central Government has tentatively fixed a target of 275.00 million tonnes for sugarcane production for the last year of the Eighth Five Year Plan, that is, 1996-97.

(b) The establishment of new sugar mills during the 8th Five Year Plan period in Uttar Pradesh would depend upon the implementation of the pending letters of intent and the letters of intent to be issued during the 8th Five Year Plan.

(c) As on 31-1-1992, 211 applications have been received from the State of Uttar Pradesh by the Ministry of Food through the Department of Industrial Development for grant of letters of intent/industrial licences for the establishment of new sugar factories.

(d) In view of the large pendency of unimplemented letters of intent/licences, new proposals have not yet been taken up for consideration.